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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Office of Refugee Resettlement Cash and Medical Assistance Program Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations

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Description: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) reimburses, to the extent of available appropriations, certain non-federal costs for the provision of cash and medical assistance to refugees and other eligible persons, along with allowable expenses for the administration of the refugee resettlement program at the State level. States, Wilson/Fish projects (alternative projects for the administration of the refugee resettlement program), and State Replacement Designees currently submit the SF-269 Financial Status Report in accordance with 45 CFR Part 92 and 45 CFR Part 74. This proposed new data collection would replace the current requirement for the SF-269 Financial Status Report with a Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Obligations that would collect similar financial status data (i.e., amounts of expenditures and obligations) broken down by the four program components: refugee cash assistance, refugee medical assistance, health screening, and services for unaccompanied refugee minors as well as by program administration. This breakdown of financial status data on expenditures and obligations would allow ORR to track program expenditures in greater detail to anticipate any funding issues and to meet the requirements of ORR regulations at 45 CFR 400.211 to collect these data for use in estimating annual costs of the refugee resettlement program. ORR must implement the methodology at 45 CFR 400.211 each year after receipt of its annual appropriation to ensure that the appropriated funds will be adequate for assistance

to entering refugees. The estimating methodology prescribed in the ORR regulations requires the use of actual past costs by program component. In the event that the methodology indicates that appropriated funds are inadequate, ORR must take steps to reduce federal expenses, such as by limiting the number of months of eligibility for Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance. This proposed single-page report on expenditures and obligations will allow ORR to collect the necessary data to ensure that funds are adequate for the projected need and thereby meet the requirements of both the Refugee Act and ORR regulations.

Respondents: State Governments, Wilson/Fish Alternative Projects, State Replacement Designees

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of	Number of	Average Burden	Total Burden
	Respondents	Responses per	Hours per	Hours
		Respondent	Response	
Office of	59	4	0.50	118
Refugee				
Resettlement				
Cash and				
Medical				
Assistance				
Program				
Quarterly Report				
on Expenditures				
and Obligations				

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 118

Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

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